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SUBJECT: EGYPT THREATENS SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

1. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSING A REFERENCE IN THE RECENT NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' COMMUNIQUE TO UNIVERSALITY OF UN MEMBERSHIP, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE INFORMED ME THAT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR NAGUIB HAD VISITED HIM TODAY (MARCH 25) APPARENTLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESENT EGYPT'S VERSION OF THE RECENTT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. NAGUIB REPORTED THAT EGYPT WAS NOW CONSULTING WITH ITS ALLIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST ISRAEL. HE INDICATED THAT THESE MEASURES WOOULD INCLUDE EXPULSION FROM THE UN.

2. NAGUIB SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD NORWAY'S ATTITUDE ON THE QUESTION OF UNIVERSALITY OF UN MEMBERSHIP, BUT NORWAY MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE  
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REGIONAL REALITIES. HE ARGUED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO TAKE ACTION

WHEN A SMALL NATION AND SMALL GROUP OF POTITICIANS ARE DETERMINED TO UPSET WORLD PEACE. THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR THE MIDDLE EAST BUT ALSO FOR EUROPE. NAGUIB ARGUED THAT ISRAEL WAS ISOLATED AND CONDEMNED BY THE WHOLE WORLD, AND EVEN IN THE UNITED STATES THERE ARE RESERVATIONS ABOUT ITS POLICY.

3. VIBE RESPONDED HE SAID BY EXPRESSING UNDERSTAND APPRECIATION OF EGYPT'S EFFORTS TO REACH A PARTIAL AGREEMENT BUT WARNED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY WRONG TO TRY TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM THE UN. VIBE IMPLIED SOME SYMPATHY FOR EGYPT'S CASE BY DRAWING A PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE; HE STRESSED HE WAS TAKING NO SIDES IN THE CONFLICT ITSELF BUT WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF UNIVERSALITY OF UN MEMBERSHIP. VIBE LATER CHECKED WITH MINISTER FRYDENLUND, WHO STRONGLY SUPPORTED HIS POSITIOP.

4. VIBE NOTED IN CONCLUSION THAT NAGUIB IS USUALLY VERY MODEST AND NUANCED IN HIS REMARKS. HE CONCLUDED, THEREFORE, THAT TODAY'S APPROACH WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT THE EGYPTIANS ARE VERY SERIOUS IN THEIR PRESENT PLAN TO SEEK SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. NAGUIB REMARKED AT ONE POINT THAT EGYPT HAD INCURRED LIABILITIES IN INTS RELATIONS WITH ITS ALLIES BY PERSISTING IN A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. VIBE CONCLUDED FROM THIS REMARK

THAT EGYPT FEELS IT MUST NOW TRY TO MEND FENCES WITH ITS ALLIES BY ADOPTING A MORE MILITANT POSTURE. VIBE WAS PRESSED TO LEAVE HIS OFFICE AND DID NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT ELSE NAGUIB MAY HAVE SAID.

5. THE ISRAELI CHARGE WAS ALSO IN THE MINISTRY SEEING HIS DESK OFFICE, PERHAPS ALSO PRESENTING HIS VERSION OF THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS.  
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